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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS NIFONG AS INTERIM D.A.
Veteran Prosecutor to lead Durham County Office

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today appointed Michael B. Nifong as Interim District Attorney for the 14th Prosecutorial District (Durham County). Nifong replaces Durham District Attorney Jim Hardin, who was appointed as a Special Superior Court Judge.

“For over 26 years, Mike Nifong has worked in the Office of the District Attorney in Durham. His service as an Assistant District Attorney and currently as Chief Assistant District Attorney has prepared him take over the day-to-day operations of the office,” Easley said. “I am certain that his commitment to the office and the people of Durham will continue in his role as Interim District Attorney.”

Nifong has worked in the Office of the District Attorney since 1978, initially as an unpaid volunteer attorney. In 1979 he became Assistant District Attorney. He currently serves as the Chief Assistant District Attorney handling office management, staff supervision, and policy development.

Nifong received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1971 and 1978, respectively.

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